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To Nancy Rumrill/R9/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject Intent to re-issue permit for UIC

Hello Nancy Rumill

I am writing as a concerned resident of this beautiful island of Maui. I am an active volunteer, a marine science student, a future educator, and a voice for the reefs in our oceans, in particular, the Pacific Ocean. I am writing to address the intent to re-issue an Underground injection control permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility in the Lahaina area. The residents here are impacted by the horrible thoughts that our shorelines will be stressed out due to possible leaks that injection wells can create. We are concerned that the Underground injection control will only increase problems that are presently being addressed.

Maui is a small island that thrives on the security of its beaches and reefs. If an injection well continues to be used on Maui, especially in Lahaina, we are sure that the reef at Kahekili will decrease in richness and life. Many reefs will be impacted in the Lahaina area and that spells trouble for the fish and marine life that call these reefs home.

Also, bacteria and viruses are sure to make an appearance in our oceans as well as our drinking water if injection wells stay in the Lahaina area as well as other areas on the island. We need to have an ongoing supply of drinking water on Maui as well as other islands. Bacteria will cause a shortage in fountain water that is provided at schools, homes, and businesses. We will be forced to purchase bottled water, which will only cause problems if people chose not to recycle.

I have lived here for 5 years and I refer to this place as my home. Like anyone who loves where they live, I am making my peers and myself more aware of the catastrophic impacts we have on the oceans as well as the reefs. We invite you to come to this beautiful place many of us call home so that you may assess the areas of concern. After all, it is our responsibility to make our oceans safe for our marine life as well as present and future generations.

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Thank you for your

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